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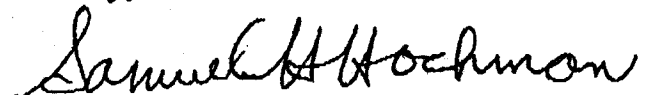
Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing you today to voice my opinion in regards to the settlement that was reached in November between Microsoft and the federal government. I feel this settlement is fair and reasonable, and I am relieved that this issue has been resolved.

Microsoft has contributed an enormous amount to the technology sector and the economy. At the present time when our economy is struggling, it would be in the best interest of the public to end this case permanently and stop restricting Microsoft. The settlement punishes Microsoft enough, requiring the company to share key information about how Windows works and forcing it to agree to non-retaliation clauses against companies that promote non-Microsoft products. These restrictions are more than enough.

This settlement will benefit the economy and consumers. This settlement needs to be finalized. I wholeheartedly support it.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Samuel H. Hochman".